

Narrative Summary – April 2013

April 2013 was slightly warmer than normal, averaging 53.6°F, 0.2° above normal (53.4°F). The warmest April (1994) averaged 58.2°F, while the coldest (1955) averaged 47.5°F. The following daily temperature records were established:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>New Record</u>	<u>Old Record</u>	<u>Year</u>	
23	Low Minimum	30	30	1970	(Tied)
26	High Maximum	85	85	2005+	(Tied)

+ denotes most recent of multiple occurrences

Precipitation for April 2013 totaled 0.30 inches, 55% of normal (0.55 inch). The wettest April (2003) received 2.23 inches, while the driest (1999 and earlier years) received only a trace. Total precipitation for 2013 (through April) is 0.94 inches, 34% of normal (2.76 inches).

The average wind speed for April 2013 was 10.2 miles per hour (mph), 1.7 miles per hour above normal (8.5 mph). The windiest April (1959 and 1972) averaged 11.1 mph, while the April with the lightest winds (2004) averaged 7.2 mph. The peak gust for April 2013 was 50 mph on April 13. The record wind gust for April was 73 mph in 1972.

The monthly climatological data summaries, as well as other information, are available on the Internet.

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Note: The data in this summary pertains specifically to the Hanford Meteorology Station (HMS), which is located approximately 25 miles northwest of Richland, WA. No attempt should be made to infer meteorological conditions at other locations from these data.